

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



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# Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts









"Life is a series of experiences, each one of which make us bigger, even though it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character..."

Henry Ford



# 2004 - 2005



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Will Gelinas and Allyson Hurlburt pose for a quick picture.



President Grant addresses the crowd during a college event.



These ladies are all dressed up and having fun at the 2004 SnowBall.

Dear Members of the Class of 2005:

I am delighted to congratulate you on your graduation from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and offer you best wishes for all that you will do throughout the rest of your lives. Earning a baccalaureate or master's degree is a significant accomplishment of which you should be extremely proud; I know that we are all very proud of you! Regardless of your major, your degree from MCLA will prove valuable as you pursue careers or graduate school.

It is my greatest hope that you will look back on your time at MCLA with fondness. You have worked hard to complete your studies, you have developed enduring relationships with members of the faculty and staff, and you have built friendships that will last you a lifetime. I urge you to continue those bonds in the years ahead; they will serve you well personally and professionally.

As you head off to begin new jobs, continue your education, or explore new opportunities please keep in touch with MCLA. As alumni of the institution you are our best examples of success and serve as important role models for future students. Please stay in touch. We want to hear about your activities and achievements and hope that you will visit often.

MCLA is a better institution because of each and every one of you. I consider it a true privilege and a great pleasure to have served as your president and to have come to know so many of you personally. I wish you every success and look forward to calling you fellow alumni.

Sincerely, Mary K. Grant, Ph.D. President

# **SENIORS**



2004 - 2005











To the senior class,

First and foremost - we did it! We are finally graduating! And now we have to leave MCLA; our home for the past four years.

Thankfully, we are leaving not only with our degrees, but with great friends and memories - many which will last a lifetime.

As we embark on the next chapter of our lives, we, your senior class officers, want to wish you all the best of luck.

Remember, there's no stage you can comprehend better than the one you have just left.

Congratulations seniors, Your senior class officers.



Senior Officers
President Nicole Losavio
Vice President Brian Nocerino
Treasurer Jennifer Beaton
Secretary Sam Watts

Graduation Date Saturday, May 28

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# Class of 2005

Melanie Aldrich Michelle Annesi Sonja Ashton Layla-Aurora Ballner Susan Barnes





















Jessica Bonzek Andrea Braun Andrew Burton III Craig Cathers Patricia Charles











Graham Darcy Heather DeLeon Amanda Derosier Stephanie Dickie Caitlin Flynn























# Favorite MCLA Moment



My favorite
MCLA memory
was being
brought onstage
by Kinsey Sicks
and being
dressed up like a
drag queen.



The sights of Europe, courtsey of MCLA, was my favorite memory from the last four years.



My favorite MCLA memory would have to be Townhouse 1 and the awesome housemates I had that year.



My favorite memory from MCLA will be the friends that got me through my junior and senior year.

Jill Shannon

Jason Iannone

Chris Figueroa

Jason Sinclair



Steven Hemingway Robert Hnatonko Andrea Huda Jason Iannone Kristen Izzo

Michael Kmiec Amber LaGess Nicole Losavio Greg Lucid Andrea Lysy

Rebecca Mahar Patricia Malval Margaret McDowell Ryan McVeigh Jennifer Meaney

# Class of 2005

Marc Merriam Michelle Michaels Maura Mills Johanna Moore Kristy Moore



**Emily Salvas** 

Jillian Shannon Scott Sheldon Amy Simansky Sara Stefanik Brian Szczerbinski

Samantha Torrey Maryann Turner Makor Wallace Sonia Watts Lynn Wesley



"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."

~Anatole France

# Favorite Hangout



My favorite hangout was living in townhouse 53 last year.



Favorite hangout? Definitley The Mound.



Our favorite place is the theater. There is a certain feeling in the theater you can't find anywhere else.



My favorite place to go is the Purple Pub on Wedsnesday. It's Flip Night.

Jacob Hig

Laura Swark and Catherine Rymsha Jill Barr and Ryan McVeigh

**Matt Preston** 



here, I was the ood production

manager for ARAMARK.

Yvonne was the

indest, sweetest

person at ARAMARK. She

went out of her vay to make me

feel like part of

the family."

~ John Lopes

"Yvonne's smiles picked up everyone's spirits." ~ Yolanda

"Yvonne was like everyone's grandmother away from home."

~ Jerel



# YVONNE'S PLACE

In memory of Yvonne Leonesio who for 33 years honored the campus community with her kind demeanor, beautiful smile, welcoming presence and tremendous work ethic.

With grateful appreciation, Your MCLA and ARAMARK Family October 7, 2004



"She always had a smile and was so courteous."

~ lared

"She was like my mom from day one." Renee worked with Yvonne for 17 years.

















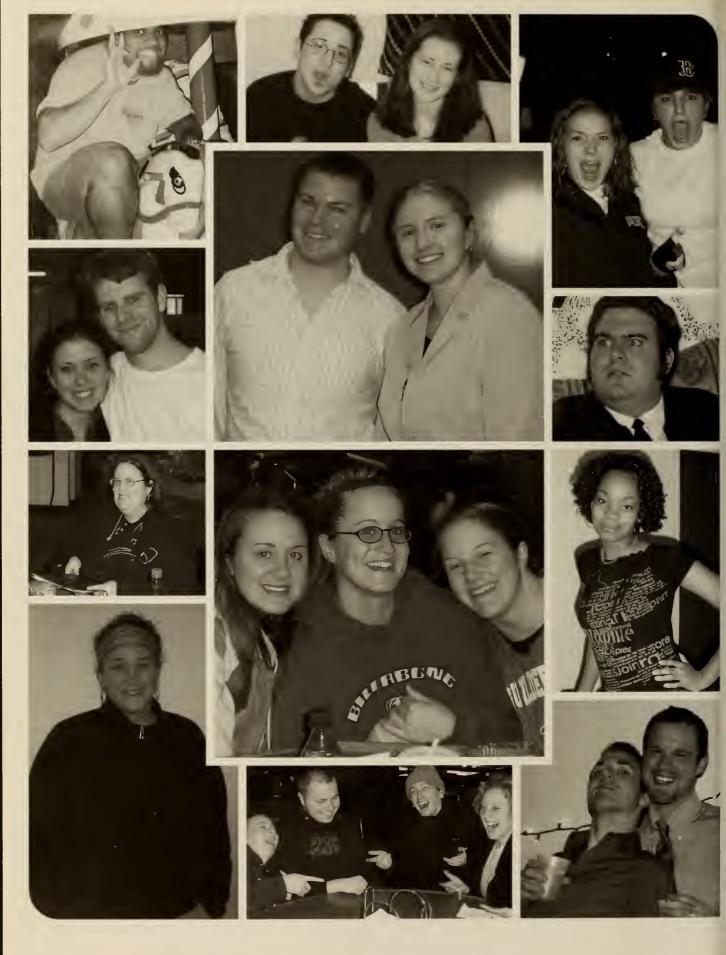












# CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS



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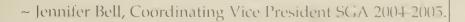








This school year has been a productive one for many of the SGA club and organizations on campus. Once again clubs like Dance Company and Harlequin gave amazing performances. SAC organized campus wide programing for the enjoyment of all and clubs like Stop the Hate and B-GLAD helped to open the minds of many. To those leaders who are graduating at the end of this year each of you have inspired, motivated, and worked for the benefit of this entire campus and you your gifts will live on.





There are more than 40 clubs on the MCLA campus ranging from Academics to Performance to Athletics. The following are just a handful of them.



### Aikido Club

The Aikido Club allows all interested students to participate in organized Aikido. The club provides members with a well taught means of self defense through quality instruction and well established instructors. The club provides members with a structured conditioning program, and emphasizes the practices of coordinating the mind and the body.



# Cheerleading Club

The purpose of this club is to promote and uphold school spirit a develop good sportsmanship by example. It aims to support go relations in the community between teams and squads during events. To organizational goal is to work in harmony with the team management a administration, other athletic teams and sporting organizations.

What was your favorite club event on campus this year?



My favorite club event was the Dance Company formal. Courtney Parker



The Valentine Gala brought back wonderful memories. Ariel Picard



I really enjoy the Akido club seminars.

Alex Charalambous



The Rollerskating Party. We got a lot of the community there.

Heather DeLeon



# Dance Company

This club teaches and performs a variety of different genres of dance. The Dance Company is open to anyone who is interested in learning and performing dance. The club has at least two performances a year in which dance students in the organization choreograph each dance routine. The club also brings special artists to dance rehearsals to teach; also community involvement such as volunteering is greatly stressed.



### E.L.V.I.S.

Exceptional Leaders Volunteering in Service is a student led service chat provides students with structure where by he/she serves the need in the community along with peers.

# Student Government Association

"Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together."

— Jesse Jackson



Below: Hey Senior girls really do know how to dress alike! "Things sure do look ducky!"



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ow: SGA

nators are ving a good time heir 2004



Above: Sr. Class President Nikki Losavio poses with Student Trustee Dave O and Freshman Class Officer Dory Hamm.





Above: Student Senate 2004-05 group photo.

Left: Treasurer Rian Rabideu and Vice President Sam Watts know how to have fun in SGA meetings



Above: Dance Company pieces are all designed, choreographed and produced by MCLA's very own students. The group also performs one show in the Spring at Mass MoCA each year.



Right: E.L.V.I.S. members can always been seen around campus and in the community making a difference. The group was advised this year by VISTA Katie MacLean.



Left: Doug Wilder gets "pied" at the Anime Pie Toss fund-raiser. Many other college community members got first hand "tastes" of those pies that night!

Right: The film club e-board works hard to make every meeting a great one.



Left: Harlequin holds auditio for their Spring Musical: A Fund Thing Happened on the Way the Forum. The auditions at performances are all directed organized and performed by stadents.





## Film Club

Interested in producing films? The Film Club is designed to bring students together to discuss, produce and share movies of all kinds. All students interested are welcome to join regardless of their level of experience.



# Harlequin

Harlequin's purpose is to produce a musical on campus. This does nonly include on-stage experiences in such fields such as dancing a singing, but also in all aspects of technical musical theatre as well management. This 100% student run group hopes to put on one flength musical in the Spring Semester and a cabaret each Fall. (only executive board members pictured above)



ght: Poetic Cypha is a popular ent on campus. Here AASC embers and advisors get ready to rt of the event.



Left: Victor always pays close attention during his AASC executive board meeting in Sharky's.



Left: The MCLA Cheerleaders practice for Basketball season.

Right: DJ Benny Ben is the college favorite DJ and can be seen at most college dances.



Above: Two students participate in the Poetic Cypha by doing a duo of poetry.





# Stop The Hate

group strives to educate MCLA and the surrounding community he issue of hate crimes. They do so with very creative ideas and entations. This group consists of people who want to make a crence in the world around them and the prevention of hate crimes, y executive board members pictured above)



# African American Studies Club

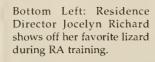
Established in the Spring of 1993, this organization strives to give African-Americans and others a better understanding of each other, a sense of belonging and a coordinated voice on campus. The group provides an opportunity to learn together, exchange views and ideas and develop an appreciation of African-American history (only executive board members pictured above)

# Residential Programs & Services

# Resident Advisors

"Life is like a movie, write your own ending, keeping believeing, keep pretending, we've done just what we set out to do thanks to the lovers, the dreamers and you."

~ Paul Williams
(The Muppets)



Bottom: At one of the RA training events, Dan Summers and Brian Nocerino spend "quality time" together









Resident Directors: Bryan Ames, Devon Mitchell, Jocelyn Richard. Resident Advisors: Ashley Ewick, Brian Nocerino, Charles Imafidon, Christina Landeta, Courtney Parker, Dan Summers, Dave Ortendahl, Doug Wilder, Earlisha Stanley, Heather Davis, James Farrington, Jodi Browning, Latoya Jones, Maureen Cherry, Megan Rogers, Melissa Gumlaw, Mike Gentile, Nicole Losavio, Rian Rabideau, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Sally Silvera, Tabatha Beshears



Left: RA Dan Summers, Resident Director Devon Mitchell & RA Tabitha get all dressed up for an RA event.

Bottom: Hoosac Hall staff poses for a quick group shot before heading off to their floors to get ready for opening.



Left: It is always nice to sit down and eat a meal with your colleagues and friends. After all even RAs need to eat too!

Below: These RAs get ready to swing at the pinata at the Annual Boo Bash held in Hoosac Harbor.





Below Left: RA training gets everyone really close. See here is proof as Mike sits on Charles during a teambuilding session.

Below: These RAs don't take their job "sitting down." Well at least not when they are really on duty!





# **Student Activities Council**

Right: Members are always happy to attend weekly SAC meetings to help vote and plan on events.

Far Right: Karaoke is a popular event on campus and these guys had a lot of fun participating in this event during First Days.

Right: Hypnotist Dan LaRosa pays a visit to MCLA during First Days events and has the students do just about anything. Over 225 people came out to watch this show!

Far Right: Sandart is always a hit! SAC has many events where students can make things to take back to their rooms.

Below: Jill Shannon, SAC Treasurer, not only keeps the books but also lends a helping hand at almost every event.



Right: SAC President Ryan Blackall and Comedy Stop Chairperson Lexi Runnals take a minute out of their meeting to say hi to the camera.

Far Right: The group goes wild during their "fun" photo. Hey they're allowed to have fun too!















### **Student Activities Council**

As the largest programming board on campus, SAC provides the student body with a variety of programs throughout the year. The subcommittees of this group put on events such as Comedy Stop, Winter Carnival events, Psychic Fairs, Welcome Fest, Spring Fling, CC's Cafe, trips to many locations, on campus concerts and much more.





SAC offers a program for just about everyone on campus. The students plan and coordinate all the programs themselves. They publicize the events both on and sometimes off campus as well. New events this year have included a trip to Blue Man group, Stutt a Bear, Edible Sand Art and much more!





Far Top: HATARI opened up the Dance Company show in the Fall of 2004. They had a wonderful performance.

Top: Yorik gets together for meetings and social events. Here they are seen dining together.

# Clubs and Organization



### Christian Fellowship

The purpose of MCLA Christian Fellowship is to be an organization of students who follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. They grow in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture, and God's purposes in the world through spiritual, intellectual, physical and social pursuits. The basis of faith for this organization will be the biblical truths of Christianity.



### **HATARI**

The club is known as the MCLA step team as well. This club promotes and builds school spirit through the art of stepping, and they build unity through the community through the art of stepping. They hold performances throughout the year at different events. Also the club hosts other step teams and sponsors other cultural events.



### Yorick

The club is dedicated to the development of a proper appreciation and understanding of the works of William Shakespeare through performance. It provides educational and developmental workshops/forums and plays on production of Shakespeare's work.

# MCSS

# **Multicultural Student Society**



This organization strives to provide an opportunity for students to enhance their cultural experience while sharing their own ideas and cultural heritage with others. Some of the goals are to help develop academic and social programs that intensify cultural awareness in our campus community and to actively recruit interested students and faculty.









bove: MCSS' Annual oller Skating Party was a it once again! Great job.



Above: Say cheese Mo!



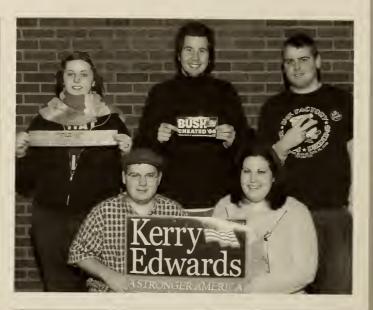
Above: This family poses for a picture during Family Weekend.



Above: Students love to hang out in the Campus Center.

### Political Science

This organization's objectives are to familiarize the student body with local, state, and national political issues. It provides a vehicle for understanding the political process in the United States on all levels. The purpose of the club is to develop theories of the common interest in the field of political science through guest speakers and to exchange opinions, ideas and theories on various political science issues.



### **B-GLAD**

Bisexuals, Gays and Lesbians Making a Difference.

B-GLAD reaches out and offers a support network, which addresses the needs and concerns of the queer student community on the campus. The club works to promote awareness and visibility to combat homophobia within the college community and encourages the celebration of the queer student population and their allies.



### Ski Club

The Ski Club enables interested students to hit the slopes without the hassle of missed classes or early weekend wake ups How do we do it? Night skiing. While we ski and ride from January to April, we're active all year long.















# **FACULTY**



2004 - 2005





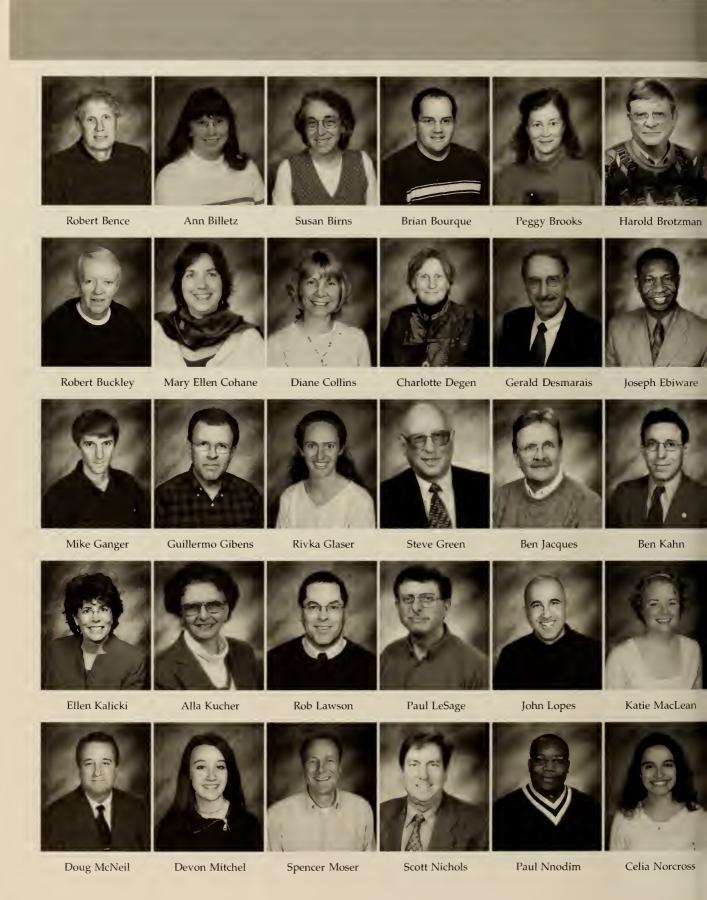






"I have learned this at least by my experiment: that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours" ~ Henry David Thoreau





# Faculty & Staff

# Serving the College Community & Student Body



The Staff and Faculty members of the MCLA community can always been seen supporting student programs and attending college events. We like to think that they not only enjoy working here with the student body but they often like being a part of the programs and activities. The support and dedication of each in noted and appreciated.



President - Mary K. Grant, Ph.D.











Judy Ozolins



Matt Silliman



Jerry Smosky



James Stakenas



Christopher Thomas



Carl Villanueva



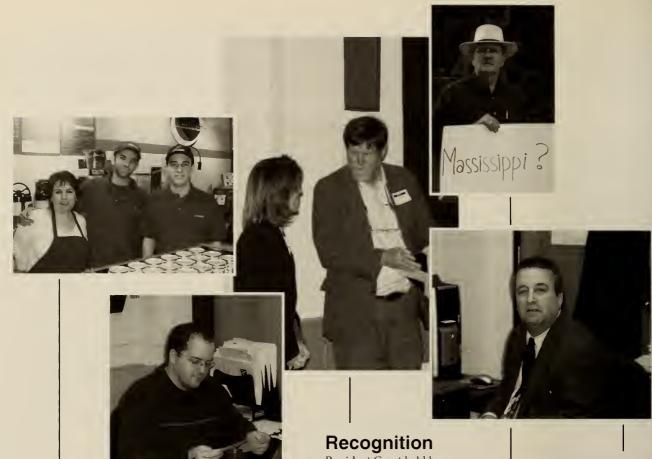
Donald Washburn



Myles Whitney

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on."

~ Robert Frost.



Reception that honors

employees of the college

employment. This year

many faculty and staff

dedication.

that have hit milestones of

members received thanks for

all their years of service and

# **C-Store Opens**

There were many exciting changes within the Campus Center thanks to ARAMARK. The servery was remodeled and the Student Affair staff with Facilities had given the Centennial Room and Marketplace a new look. In addition to this ARAMARK opened a new C-Store. Students love it and use it daily!

# **New Employees**

MCLA experienced a variety of new employees in many departments including Admissions, Student Affairs, Faculty members and in the President's Office. Brian Bourque, as seen above, was hired to run Orientation Programs and assist with other Student Development activities.

# President Grant held her annual "Giving Thanks" Re-Structuring

Along with the new employees there were many individuals promoted to nev positions to help restructure departments. Doug McNeil, pictured above, was promoted to Associate Dean of Students along with Charlotte Degen that was promoted to Dean of Students. There were many other staff members that were also promoted due to hard work and dedication to help build an even stronger MCLA community.

# Contracts Un-Funded

As employees have been experiencing for the past few years, contracts have gone unfunded and raises were not issued. Faculty members were among the groups this year to feel the brunt of governments beliefs that Higher Education is not a priority.

# **ATHLETICS**



2004 - 2005



"Leadership consists not in degrees of technique but in traits of character; it requires moral rather than athletic or intellectual effort, and it imposes on both leader and follower alike the burdens of self-restraint."

~ Lewis H. Lapham



Below: Marc Capaldo, Jr. from Townsend, MA headers the ball.





Above: Chris Whalen, So. from Belchertown, MA chases down the ball.





Top Left: Ciaran Cullen, Sr, from Springfield, MA keeps on the opponent. Top Right: Coach Ron Shewcraft coaches from the sidelines. Bottom Left: The player runs the ball down the field. Bottom Right: Players fight for the ball.





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S. Vermont	5	0	
U. Dartmouth	0	1	
WNEC	2	1	
Lasell	2	0	
Keene State	0	7	
RPI	0	0	
Springfield	2	3	
Curry	1	0	
Union	1	0	
Fitchburg	2	1	
Bridgewater	0	1	
Worcester	0	1	
Salem State	0	1	
M. Maritime	1	3	
Westfield	0	1	
E. Connecticu	t 0	2	
Framingham	3	0	



Men's Soccer: Mike Giovine, Kurt Alexander, Chris Russo, Joe Irv Joe Macksey, Brendan McCarthy, Drew McClure, Kyle Righi, Al Donovan, Marc Capaldo, Ciaran Cullen, Tom Heavey, Ja Mlodzianowski, David Corral, Chris Whalen, Nick Ameden, Z Natale, and Mike Dennis

Coaching Staff: Head Coach Ron Shewcraft, Assistant Coach Ac Hildabrand.

elow: Christina Murray, from Leominster, MA eps the ball away from e opponent.

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# Soccer

Men: 6-10-1 Women: 3-11-3

# Leading Goal Scorers:

Tom Heavey (3) and Johanna Moore (7)

# Leading Goaltenders:

Zach Natale (1.24) and Kristen Lewis (2.08)

# Leading Playmaker:

Joe Macksey (2) and Amanda Bleau (3)





Above: Five seniors will be gone at the end of the season. Aime Colangelo, Lori McKenzie, Michelle Tucker, Johanna Moore and Jessie Peimer.



Above: Michelle Tucker, Sr. from Norton, MA races to get the ball.



omen's Soccer: Lori McKenzie, Katelyn Taxiera, Michelle Staron, Christine Barna, Katelin Lorenz, Christina urray, Aime Colangelo, Kacey Scheiner, Amanda Bleau, Jen Raftery, Stephanie Walker, Meghan Capeless, therine Chiocca, Meghan Coakley, Michelle Tucker, Lisa Merrill, Johanna Moore, and Kristen Lewis. Daching Staff: Head Coach Deb Raber, Assistant Coach Chris Baffuto, Student Assistant Jessie Peimer, Manager I Lorenz, and Student Athletic Trainer Scott Yenolevich.

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Gordon	0	0
Skidmore	0	4
Springfield	1	6
Elms	2	1
New England		1
Green Mount	4	1
Fitchburg	1	3
O	1	2
Bay Path	0	3
M. Holyoke Worcester	0	5
Westfield	0	2
	_	
Russell Sage	4	2
UMass Boston		0
Williams	0	8
Framingham	0	3

Fall Sports





























Women's Tennis			
	Us	Them	
Castleton	0	7	
St. Joseph CT	5	4	
Bay Path	8	1	
Green Moun	t 7	2	
Becker	8	1	
Russell Sage	5	4	
Castleton	0	7	





(Top) Women's Volleyball: Ashley Green, Katherine Barbera, Danielle Smith, Lauren Westfall, Jennifer Herbert, Jessica peck (Catalano), Geneva Smith, and Hope Pelcher.

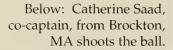
Coaching Staff: Head Coach Ed Paquette and Assistant Coach Greg Duval.

(Left) Women's Tennis: Danielle Barboza, Amanda Derosier, Catherine Kierans, Julia Kowalski, Andrea Lysy, Kristina McCue, Molly Montemagni, and Kristy Moore.

Coaching Staff: Head Coach Whitney Suters.

Women's Volleyball			
Ţ	Js	Them	
WNEC	0	3	
Plymouth	0	3	
Westfield	0	3	
S. Vermont	3	0	
Green Mount	1	3	
Worcester	0	3	
M. Maritime	0	3	
Russell Sage	1	3	
Fairleigh D.	0	3	
Cazenovia	1	3	
Bard	1	3	
Elms	3	0	
Bridgewater	0	3	
Keene State	0	3	
University NE	0	3	
Russell Sage	0	3	
Framingham	0	3	
Becker	3	0	
Bay Path	-3	1	
WPI	-1	3	
Salem State	3	2	
Green Mount	3	0	

Right: Men's Basketball player gets a hold of the ball.









Above: Kristen Lewis, So, from Johnsville, NY tries to get away from the defense.



Above: Heather LaCasse, Fr, from North Adams, MA looks for a chance to shoot.







January 29th, 2005 marked the Winter Fan Day. There were more than 200 spectators there. The games were against Westfield State College. MCLA Cheerleaders entertained the crowd during both the Women's and Men's games. The Softball team and Student Government held raffles and giveaways.

### Basketball





Men's Basketball: JP Quintal, Mike Harmon, Donal Cogdell, Rich Dumas, Thad Broughton, Kiely Yonce, Brian Phillips, Chris Voght, Adam Garner, Robert Malloy, Robert Mitchell, Henry Schrader, and Brandon Pender.

 ${\bf Coaching\,Staff:}\, Head\, Coach\, Devin\, Gotham\, and\, Assistant\, Coach\, Brendon\, \, Mulcahy.$ 





Women's Basketball: Lisa Ranzoni, Sheikira Francisco, Jackie Bailot, Heather LaCasse, Kristen Lewis, Catherine Saad, Kelly O'Brien, Ashley Clark, Krista Roche, Jakia Hall.

**Coaching Staff:** Head Coach Lea Robinson and Assistant Coach Betsey Willis.







Devin Gotham Head Coach for Basketball, is also the Head Cross Country Coach.



Above: Chris Voght, Fr, from Lincoln Rl, shoots the ball.

Far Left: Robert Michell, captain, from Brooklyn, NY stands for a foul shot.

Left: The Girl's Basketball fight for the ball.





















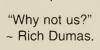




# Baseball and Softball



"MCLA is so devoted to baseball that rather than be rained out we would pour gasoline on a field and set it on fire to dry it out." ~ Steve Hemingway.













Baseball: Curtis Crane, Chris Flynn, Justin Giuliano, Seamus Morrison, Anthony Bruno, Matt LaSalle, Mike Sucharewski, John Maguire, Jett Reynolds, Joe Belmosto, Rich Dumas, Matt Murphy, Steve Hemingway, Ryan Bridegroom, Tom Hevey, Rob Healy, Patrick Barnes, Brad Marcell, Bob Howland, Gary Hicks, Nick Randall, Paul McManus, Ricky Roberts.

Coaching Staff: Head Coach Jeff Puleri and Assistant Coach Chris Bailey and Tom Rizzo.

Softball: Sheena Siliva, Jean Meaney, Jenna Williams, Jen Raferty, Sarah Burgess, Brenda LaFogg, Danielle Tyer, Lori Mckenzie, Julie Harkins, Carissa Everett, Megan McClain, Joan Lavalley-Leary.

Coaching Staff: Head Coach Kristin Parzych and Assistant Coach Kate (Wapenski) Galli.

### Candids

"Let's Go Red Sox, Let's Go"























Don't forget one of the best ways to stay connected to classmates and friends is to ttend MCLA's annual alumni reunion." ~ Alumni Office

elow: June 2004 Golden Grads Reunion in front of Smith House.



## If you could make any club on campus what would it be?

#### Maureen Cherry



I would make a Tae-bo club. I am taking the class and it's a great way to get in shape and make new friends.

#### Steven Hemingway



The club I would create is JEJAC (The James Earl Jones Appreciation Club) where we write letters to James Earl Jones and have a weekly look-alike contest.

### Max Sharky



I would create an on-campus paintball club, where you could shoot paintballs anywhere on campus.

















